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1. RELIABLE SOURCE CONFIRMS THAT THAIS HAVE PLEDGED 500,000 METRIC TONS FOR ASEAN DURING REMAINDER OF THIS CALENDAR YEAR. (ACCORDING TO INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE BY CONTACT AT INDONESIAN EMBASSY, THIS AMOUNT HAD BEEN PROMISED TO INDONESIA ALONE -- SEE REF A)
2. CONTACT SAYS FUTURE SALES TO INDONESIA LIKELY TO BE AT ONLY 5 PERCENT BELOW REGULAR COMMERICAL QUOTATION -- SAME DISCOUNT NOW GIVEN OTHER ASEAN MEMBERS. UNDER PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENTS INDONESIAN PURCHASES WERE REPORTEDLY MARKED DOWN \$50 TO \$75 PER METRIC TON.
3. WE NOW UNDERSTAND INDONESIAN TEAM DUE HERE EARLY NEXT MONTH TO NEGOTIATE JULY - AUGUST DELIVERIES.
4. RECENT SHOWERS MADE FOR FAVORABLE TRANSPLANTING CONDITIONS IN THE CENTRAL REGION. THIS SUPPORTS THE GROWING BELIEF

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IN TRADE CIRCLES THAT SECOND CROP WILL
APPROACH 1.5 MILLION TONS PADDY.
WHITEHOUSE

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